



Housing For Adirondack Communities

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The Northern Forest Center is a regional innovation and investment partner creating rural vibrancy by connecting people, economy and the forest landscape.



♠ 2020 PROGRAM MAP

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

The Center fosters initiatives that keep young people and attract new residents eager to invest in community and steward the forest for future generations. Our programs help build active communities, create community assets and develop new leadership.

ADVANCING THE FOREST ECONOMY

The Center helps communities and businesses achieve their economic potential through technical and financial assistance, and peer consultation. We help develop new markets through investment and strategic leadership, and expand business opportunities, jobs and community benefit through destination development.

PROVIDING LEADERSHIP MILLINOCKET Millinocket Housing Initiative The Center brings new ideas and resources to accelerate innovation across GREENVILLE-MOOSEHEAD AREA Wayfinding Design & Planning geographic, social and ideological boundaries. We leverage resources into the Digital Marketing Training for Tourism-related Businesses Community Design Project region to support projects, advocate for policies that benefit the region, and Millinocket Memorial Library Tourism Innovation Program contribute to climate solutions through our programs. Tax Credit Financing ■ Destination Moosehead Lake Assistance Appalachian Mountain Club New Markets Tax Credit Financing ♦ NMTC Feasibility Turning Page Farm Northern Forest Waterways Mapping ▲ Curran Renewable *Carrabassett Valley Trails ME STATEWIDE IMPACT Energy RANGELEY NORTHEAST KINGDOM ▲ Wood Heat Regional Marketing Digital Marketing Assistance for 18 tourism-related businesses ▲ Maine State Wood Energy Action Team NEK Digital Marketing ● Kennebec Lumber Covid Economic Recovery Advocacy Rangeley Area Community Destination Academy ● Kangas tsbury Outdoor Center Future Forest Economy Initiative Go Labs R&D dom Trails Destination Development Strategy Rangeley Lakes Regional ▲ Lignetics - New Engand Bluffside Farm Keeping Maine's Forests Steering Committee Wood Energy Policy Rangeley Rises LANCASTER Paul Smith's A North Country Maine Woods Consortium NMTC Feasibility Wood Heat Upgrades Burlington Thermal Loop Feasibility Lyndon Furniture Challenge Hang Tag Project Treehouse Hardwoods and Millshop Built by Newport MAINE WEST: Bethel, Rumford, S. Paris, Norway TUPPER LAKE ▲ Wood Heat Market Assessment Bethel Area Community ■ TimberHomes Vermont Planning ▲ VT State Wood Energy Team NMTC Feasibility Maple Supply ▲ VT Dept. Forests, Parks & Recreation Roberts Farm to Town Trail Broadband Planning ADIRONDACK-WIDE IMPACT Mahoosuc Pathways PRKR MTN VT STATEWIDE IMPACT Second Nature Adventure Challenge Broadband Planning Adirondack Community Profile Trails Recreation Alliance Covid Economic Recovery Advocacy Library Broadband Upgrades Adirondack Common Future Forest Economy Initiative Maine West Conservation Planning Vermont Forest Roundtable Educational Attainment Horicon Connector Vermont Forest Industry Summis ■ Bethel Community Forest ▲ Wood Heat Regional Marketing Woodstock Community Forest **KEY** NY STATEWIDE IMPACT New England Woodcraft ▲ Wood Heat Regional Marketing Mink Brook Community Forest COMMUNITY INVESTMENT Gagnon Lumber Covid Economic Recovery Advocacy Andrew Pearce Bowls Future Forest Economy Initiative ▲ Maine Pellet Focal Area Shackleton Thomas Fuels Association NY State Forest Economy Policy Community Revitalization ■ Community Forests New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) Financing ClearLake Furniture NH STATEWIDE IMPACT NATIONAL IMPACT FOREST ECONOMY ▲ Wood Heat Regional Marketing ▲ Wood Heat Initiatives & Partners America's Rural Opportunity Series Jamaica ▲ Lignetics -New Engand Wood Pellet Covid Economic Recovery Advocacy Cottage Shop Covid Economic Recovery Advocacy Wood Products Assistance & Market Development Future Forest Economy Initiative Rural Development Innovation Group ■ Destination Development Projects Wood Energy Policy ★ Bike Borderlands Initiative

Windham Wood

Heat Initiative Allard Lumber Granite Outdoor Alliance

Structural Round

Digital Marketing

Training for

LEADERSHIP & ADVOCACY

Projects & Engagement

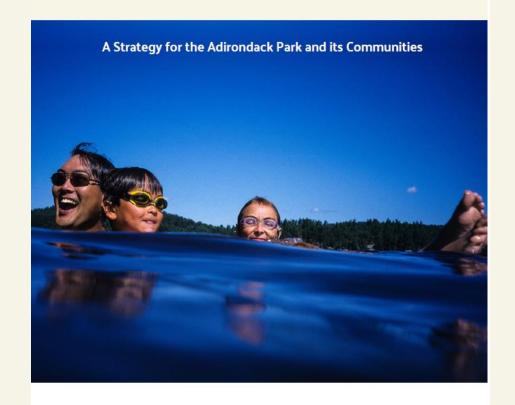


The Northern Forest



Recruit and retain young people for community health

☆ATTRACTING NEW RESIDENTS

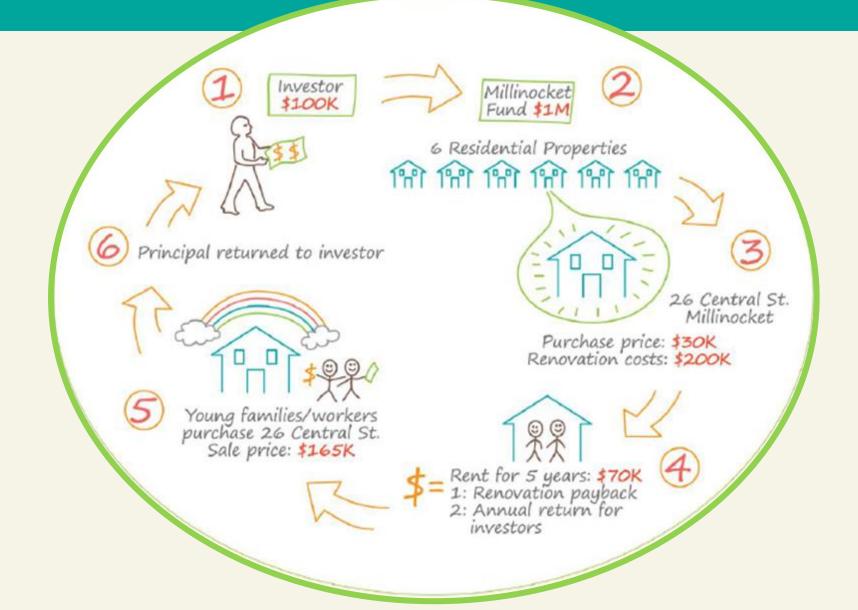








A How Our Impact Fund Works





Creating Quality Housing in Millinocket, ME

To Baxter State Park











To Katahdin Woods and Water NP

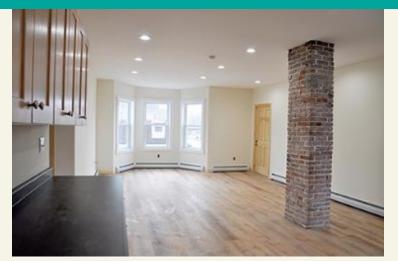


- Millinocket Public Library
- Granite Street Elementary School
- Great Northern Paper Mill Site
- Millinocket Regional Hospital





Creating Quality Housing in Millinocket, ME











A Parker J Noyes building, Lancaster, NH

Financials

\$1.6m debt

+ \$2.3m gifts, grants & tax credits

\$3.9m total project cost

Results

- Revitalization of a prominent but derelict building
- Expanded space for a natural foods marketplace
- Six new apartments





A Parker J Noyes building, Lancaster, NH



Resident Kristen Kennett, a teacher in Lancaster, and her sons enjoy living one of the new apartments.







A Bringing the model to Park Street, Tupper Lake



Current conditions

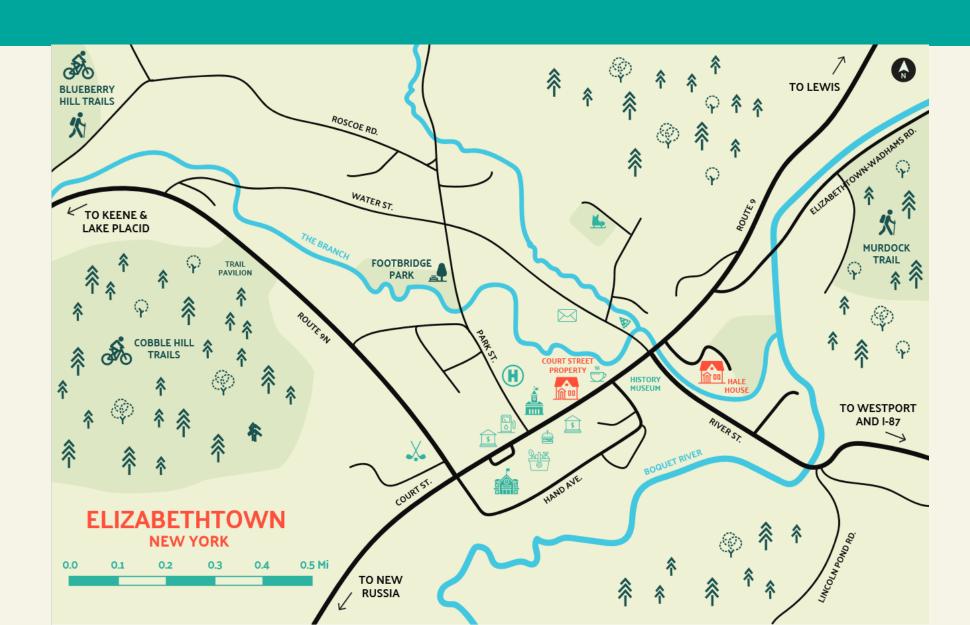
- 3 lots (179, 185, 187)
- 1 multi-family building
- 1 single-family
- Preliminary design phase

Targets

- 9+ total housing units
- Quality rental options
- Streetscape enhancements
- DRI target zone improvements



Next up: Elizabethtown





Ingredients for success





Convening regional housing conversations & Providing regional resources





A Place to Start: Adirondack Housing Resources

Accelerating Development of Community Housing Solutions

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